

What you should know before you go Stamps Health Services gives tips to students

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What are your plans for the summer? Are you all set to graduate this semester? Are you going to be away at your dream internship, co-op or just taking it light with no classes for the summer? Well, you may want to make a few plans about visiting Stamps Health Services.

With the break for the summer just around the corner, Stamps Health Services sees a flock of students at its doors on the last few days before the term end.

"It's a timing issue," said Pepe Bowman, R.N., nursing supervisor, Stamps Health Services. "Students don't come in soon enough for us to take care of them. They realize at the last minute that they will not have health coverage after they graduate and they wait until the very last day to come in to be seen."

Every semester students come in for tests, long-term

medications, immunizations or vaccinations just a few days before they graduate, making it difficult for Stamps Health Services with limited appointments to treat everyone the last minute.

"It is often difficult to collect test results after you graduate and moreover if something is abnormal in the tests, we can't even treat the student here," Bowman said.

"For graduating seniors, it is best to come in earlier rather than the last week of the semester."

The treatment some students are on may require follow-up sessions or continual treatment. Planning ahead will ensure students complete treatment before graduation.

Graduated students requesting prescription refills is another common occurrence every semester at Stamps Health Services.

"Think ahead, meet the doctor one last time when you are a student, and pick up as much of

the medication as you are allowed," Bowman said.

"It's not that we don't want to help the students; it's just that we are not permitted to serve anyone who is not a student."

It is particularly disheartening for Health Services to refuse treatment to a student who has graduated the week before and comes in expecting to be seen.

Students registered for classes during a semester and/or paying the health fee are eligible for treatment at Health Services.

For a spouse to visit Stamps Health Services, a separate health fee must be paid as well.

And note that students are ineligible for any sort of treatment or consultation from Stamps Health Services the day students graduate.

Most students who are going straight from school to a new job will have health coverage plans at their new places of employment.

For the others it is best to take care of everything possible well in advance.

Flu shots during the fall and updating immunizations are a few on the list of medical requirements that can be done at Stamps Health Services if students come in time.

"The Stamps Health Services website (www.health.gatech.edu) has all the updated information on the new immunizations we offer," Bowman said.

"As some of these are part of a series of doses, it is best for a student to visit the website fre-

quently and make appointments for taking the shots at the correct time."

Women may also be interested in taking the HPV vaccine (human papillomavirus) to prevent against cervical cancer; this immunization is available at Stamps Health Services for a fee. As this vaccine is part of a three-dose series, the women leaving at the end of term must plan in advance.

It is frustrating for both the student and Health Services to not be able to treat a student completely, due to lack of time or loss of eligibility.

"Stamps Health Services works on the basis of appointments and students can have access to the website and making appointments by using their Georgia Tech address," Bowman said.

"For emergency cases walk-ins are also acceptable," Bowman added.

"What some students don't know is that we have a Sunday Clinic open on most Sundays between 2 and 5 pm and for urgent medical attention a student may come in on Sunday afternoon."

"Apart from that students should come in for their appointment well in time so that we can treat them in the time allotted," Bowman said.

Planning to graduate during this semester or some semester in the future?

Mark your calendar to get all of your health care needs done prior to graduation and help the Stamps Health Services staff help you!

STAMPS HEALTH SERVICES GETS STUDENTS READY FOR GRADUATION. Pepe Bowman, R.N., nursing supervisor, Stamps Health Services (left), consulted with Leslie Myles, senior, Industrial Engineering, on Leslie's health care needs prior to her graduation on Saturday, May 5.

Photo credit Athmika Vishvesh



News Bulletin

Rosalind R. Meyers
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Auxiliary Services is planning another busy spring and summer. A few of our plans include:

North Avenue Apartments
Many of you have heard that Housing is adding to its residence halls the apartments on North Avenue and Centennial Olympic Park Drive formerly known as the Georgia State University Olympic Village.

It is exciting to have four new apartment buildings on campus, allowing us to house more students and turn away fewer requests for housing.

It will allow Housing to remove existing residence halls that need renovations from its inventory without inconveniencing students.

It is also an opportunity for us to expand programs like dining.

Summer will be a busy period of transition because the four North Avenue Apartment buildings are due for interior and some exterior upgrades.

While work will be ongoing, renovation will begin during summer semester and the apartments will be ready for occupancy fall 2007.

BuzzCard

Parking & Transportation

Our BuzzCard Center and Parking & Transportation departments will likewise be busy converting the North Avenue Apartments' building

and parking access. The two parking decks at this complex will add 783 parking spaces to campus and all exterior building doors will have electronic access.

Other news **Bookstore**

In addition to renovations, Auxiliary Services is entering into some of its springtime annual events.

It is that time of year for bookstore special sales.

Graduating seniors may purchase caps, gowns, and diploma frames from Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech.

Also, for those who want to wear Georgia Tech blazers at graduation or anytime for that matter, we are discounting men's and women's blazers. Men's jackets are currently \$225 (down from \$300) and women's are \$200 (down from \$275). These specials are available while supplies last.

Buy Back Contest

Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech is running its Buy Back Contest again.

The student organization selling back the largest dollar amount of textbooks will receive \$500. Here's how..

When students sell their textbooks to B&N@GT, they write on the front of the buy back form their organization name. That's it. B&N@GT tallies the dollar amount after the final day of Buy Back and the organization with the largest dollar amount receives \$500.

Buy Back is April 30-May 5



GRADUATE STUDENT SYMPOSIUM IMPACT AWARD. Rosalind R. Meyers (center), associate vice president, Auxiliary Services, presented Ulas Tezel (left) with the Impact Award at the Graduate Student Symposium, Friday, March 9. Mitch Keller (right), president, Graduate Student Government Association, emceed the annual event, presenting monetary awards to graduate research students whose posters or oral presentations were selected as best research representation from their college. Tezel received \$1,000 from Auxiliary Services' BuzzFunds for his poster presentation entitled, "Quaternary Ammonium Compounds: Fate, antibiotic resistance and toxicity in anoxic/anaerobic systems."

There are four locations: during store hours at Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech (Technology Square) and Burdell's (Student Center Commons) and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Remote Tent #1 East (Techwood & Bobby Dodd) and Remote Tent # 2 West (McMillan Street near Fulmer).

Campus Appreciation Sale

The annual spring Campus Appreciation Sale is set for Sunday, April 29, through Saturday, May 5.

Members of the Georgia Tech community need only show their BuzzCards to receive 20 percent discount on most in-store merchandise.

There are some exclusions, i.e., computers. For more information on sale exclusions, visit the store or www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.

Ferst Place Restaurant Summer Hours

Located on the third floor of the Student Center, the Ferst Place Restaurant, which is routinely open during fall and spring semesters, will be open this summer as well.

Beginning May 15, the summer restaurant schedule will be Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Ferst Place chefs are busy preparing gourmet buffets, salad bars with fresh vegetables and fruit and hot made-to-order entrees.

Make plans now to eat with us at Ferst Place all summer.

For more up-to-the-minute Auxiliary Services news, visit our web at www.ImportantStuff.gatech.edu.



FIRST PLACE OPEN TUESDAY-FRIDAY, SUMMER SEMESTER
Sarah A. Endicott, research scientist I, College of Architecture's Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA) and Barbara Christopher, director of communications, Industrial and Systems Engineering (ISYE), prepare their salads at Ferst Place. Fresh fruit and vegetables, hot gourmet buffet, desserts and a made-to-order station will be open during summer semester for Georgia Tech faculty, staff, students and guests.

Student Center adds Information Desk

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Lost & Found, reservation inquiries, maps and directions, vehicle rental check in and out, poster and flyer approval, vending refunds, current campus event and activity information... the list is endless.

Where can you get it all? Located in a conspicuous area on the second floor of the Student Center, the brand new Information Desk is going to be the resource of information for all these and much, much more.

The information desk, which will be open beginning summer semester, will be staffed seven days a week by full-time staff and student assistants:

- Monday-Thur. 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
- Friday - 8 a.m.- 11 p.m.
- Saturday - 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Sunday - 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The desk will serve as a primary information resource for the campus.

"We see it as a two-way resource," said Rich Steele, director, Student Center.

"Student organizations plan-

ning events and not too sure how to get the word out will look at the information desk as a resource where they come and give all the details of their event and we will instruct them on ways to get their information out and help them distribute flyers, provide information on the plasma screens, online calendars and display areas."

There are a plethora of services that the information desk hopes to provide. To mention a few are event and class location information, calendar entry and search, current campus events and activity information, banner space and display case check in and out, emergency assistance and so forth.

The list is likely to expand with further research once it is open.

Students over the years through surveys have indicated they want more information on what is happening on campus, Steele said.

The Student Center Information Desk will help.

"We want to add value to the student activity fee and want to make sure that the students



STUDENT CENTER INFORMATION DESK. The Student Center added an Information Desk on its second floor during its recent renovation. People may stop by for Student Center and campus news. Pictured at left is Meena Nabavi, senior, International Affairs, getting directions from Kevin Elion, coordinator, Student Center Information Desk.

know what is going on, hear about it in a timely fashion and have a place where they can go for details. We plan to have maps, printed materials and computers from which the attendants can print out specific information that people request," Steele said.

"We will have a one-page handout for the most commonly asked questions," Steele added.

"For locations on campus we will have a handout with directions and detailed maps for getting from place A to B."

"We hope to eventually connect electronically to other campus departments and access building calendars," Steele said.

Another feature the Student Center hopes to add is personal reminders for students who wish to be contacted through e-mail, or text messages regarding an event a few hours in advance.

A lot of services will have to be created from the beginning

depending on what the campus needs.

The marketing campaign to make everyone aware of the new information desk and the services it provides is well underway.

Being clearly visible and located in a prime area at the Student Center, the desk should be seen by most people as they enter the Student Center.

"We anticipate the busiest time of any semester would be the first few weeks with so many new students around, looking for their classes," Steele said.

"They should have a place to go for directions and information."

The desk will indeed be a welcome information hub for all and sundry on campus.

Georgia Tech students, faculty, staff and visitors, should look for the Information Desk the next time they enter the second floor of the Student Center.

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Parking & Transportation plans van pools

Springtime brings flowers, warm weather and Georgia Tech Parking & Transportation's online parking registration.

Parking registration goes from April 15 through June 30 at www.ApplyParking.gatech.edu.

Parking also has an alternative transportation program that includes carpooling, discount monthly passes for MARTA (Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority) and now plans are beginning for van pools.

Georgia Tech, in partnership with VanPool Services International (VPSI), is putting together plans to "ride match" individuals by home and work location.

Interested people can commute to campus with friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Vanpool riders will meet the van driver (a volunteer and fellow commuter) at a parking lot near home and travel to work in a van furnished by VPSI.

Vanpool service costs vary by round trip distance and the number of van pool riders in each van. For more information about van pools and

becoming a primary or secondary driver, call 404-385-1287, e-mail info.carpool@parking.gatech.edu, or visit www.parking.gatech.edu/alternative.

Parking & Transportation also has a daily parking program for commuters who park on campus three days or less. It's called SmartPark.


The SmartPark program gives the Georgia Tech community another option for parking on campus.

The SmartPark program allows commuters to park in three lots on campus, Technology Square Parking Deck (E81), North Deck (W23) and Area 3 Visitor Lot (VO3).

The SmartPark cost is two-part, an annual permit registration fee of \$25 and then a daily rate of \$5.

SmartPark permit holders must first pay the annual registration fee at the Parking & Transportation Office, 875 Hemphill Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30332.

The daily rate is then paid via BuzzCard. Each time the SmartPark parkers enter one of the three lots their BuzzCards



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are debited \$5. There are no in and out privileges. If the SmartPark person leaves and returns in the same day, each entry will deduct \$5 from their BuzzCard. Visit www.Parking.gatech.edu for all parking options.

Book Signings & More

Visit Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech for these author signings:

- Fri., April 20, 5:30 p.m. - **Matthew Hild**, Georgia Tech instructor, *Greenbackers, Knights of Labor of Populists: Insurgency in the Late 19th Century South*
- Tues., April 24, **Jim Cramer**, host, CNBC Mad Money, *Jim Cramer's Mad Money: Watch TV, Get Rich*, Time of book signing to be determined after the CNBC taping of the CNBC Mad Money show on campus (Read www.mgt.gatech.edu)
- Wed., April 25, 4 p.m., **Jeff Goodell**, *Big Coal: The Dirty Secret Behind America's Energy Future*
- Thurs., April 26, 7 p.m., **Jason Bua**, artist/author, *The Beat of Urban Art*
- The first 50 readers of *The Buzz* who correctly answer the following computation win Auxiliary Services T-shirts. E-mail Melissa.Moore@gatech.edu the answer to: number of hours Stamps Health Services is open on Sundays plus number of Buy Back days at Barnes & Noble @ Georgia Tech plus the first calendar day for parking registration.

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